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ANNCR:

"THIS WEEK."

FROM THE VOICE OF AMERICA, THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK GONE BY...A LOOK AT SOME OF THE EVENTS, A CROSS-SECTION OF THE IDEAS, AND THE VOICES OF SOME OF THE PEOPLE WHO MADE NEWS DURING THE PAST SEVEN DAYS. YOUR NARRATOR IS \_\_\_\_\_.

NARR:

U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS WERE BACK IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK -- WITH CONFLICTING SIGNS OF RENEWED TENSIONS AND CONTINUED COOPERATION. AND RELATIONS WITH MOSCOW WAS ONE OF THE MAJOR ISSUES DISCUSSED BY PRESIDENT CARTER AT A NEWS CONFERENCE. HE REJECTED PRESIDENT BREZHNEV'S CONTENTION THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS PITTING THE CHINESE AGAINST THE SOVIETS, AND STRESSED THAT PROGRESS WAS BEING MADE IN STRATEGIC ARMS AND OTHER NEGOTIATIONS WITH MOSCOW. HE ALSO EXPRESSED HOPE THAT HE AND MISTER BREZHNEV COULD MEET SOON TO CONCLUDE AN ARMS AGREEMENT:

TAPE: CUT ONE -- CARTER

"OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SOVIET UNION OVERALL IS STABLE. IT'S NOT IN DANGER. THERE IS NO PRESENT THREAT TO PEACE. THE NEGOTIATIONS ARE PROCEEDING IN GOOD FAITH. THERE IS NO CAUSE FOR ALARM, AND I THINK THIS IS PRETTY MUCH A NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCE. I WOULD HOPE THAT WHEN WE CONCLUDE THE SALT AND COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN NEGOTIATIONS -- HOPEFULLY WITHOUT TOO MUCH DELAY -- THAT MISTER BREZHNEV AND I MIGHT MEET PERSONALLY AND RATIFY THE AGREEMENTS, AS BEST THEY HAVE BEEN HAMMERED OUT. WE ARE MUCH CLOSER TO AN AGREEMENT THAN WE WERE A FEW WEEKS AGO. WE'VE MADE GOOD PROGRESS."

NARR:

MISTER CARTER ALSO REITERATED THAT THERE ARE SOME SOVIET ACTIONS WHICH CAUSE HIM DEEP CONCERN -- CITING MOSCOW'S HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY AND VIOLATIONS OF THE HELSINKI AGREEMENT -- AND

ITS INTRUSION IN AFRICA ALONG WITH CUBA. BUT MISTER CARTER SAID HE HAS A DEEP BELIEF THAT MISTER BREZHNEV WANTS PEACE AND FRIEND SHIP.

MEANWHILE, TWO SOVIET CITIZENS ACCUSED OF ESPIONAGE IN THE UNITED STATES WERE RELEASED FROM JAIL IN NEW JERSEY INTO THE PERSONAL CUSTODY OF SOVIET AMBASSADOR ANATOLY DOBRYNIN. AND IN WASHINGTON, U.S. OFFICIALS SAID AN AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN, FRANCIS CRAWFORD, WHO WAS ARRESTED ON CHARGES OF CURRENCY VIOLATIONS IN MOSCOW, WAS BEING RELEASED ON THE SAME TERMS BY SOVIET AUTHORITIES. THE TWO ACCUSED SOVIET SPIES -- BOTH EMPLOYEES OF THE UNITED NATIONS - HAD BEEN ARRESTED IN NEW JERSEY FOR ALLEGEDLY OBTAINING U.S. DEFENSE SECRETS. MR. CRAWFORD'S ARREST IN MOSCOW FOLLOWED.

LATER IN THE WEEK, STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN HODDING CARTER SAID THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION HAD AGREED TO THE RELEASE OF THE THREE SUSPECTS BECAUSE IT WAS IN THEIR MUTUAL INTEREST TO DO SO. BUT HE SAID HE KNOWS OF NO PLANS TO EXCHANGE THE DEFENDANTS AND HE STRESSED THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL NOT ACCEPT THE NOTION THAT THE CASES ARE EQUAL.

AS MISTER CRAWFORD WAS FREED IN MOSCOW, TWO AMERICAN JOURNALISTS WERE CHARGED WITH REPORTING ALLEGEDLY FALSE INFORMATION AND THUS DEFAMING A SOVIET OFFICIAL. THE CORRESPONDENTS -- FROM THE NEW YORK TIMES AND THE BALTIMORE SUN -- WERE SUMMONED TO A MOSCOW COURT TO HEAR THE CHARGES AND WERE ORDERED TO STAND TRIAL NEXT WEEK.

THE UNIQUE CASE OF THE TWO CORRESPONDENTS ARISES FROM NEWS STORIES WRITTEN BY THEM ABOUT THE RECENT TRIAL OF GEORGIAN DISSIDENT ZVIAD GAMSAKHURDIA. THE TWO WROTE THAT RELATIVES AND FRIENDS OF THE MAN BELIEVED THAT A TELEVISED CONFESSION

HAD BEEN FALSIFIED. ACCORDING TO A TASS NEWS AGENCY ACCOUNT OF THE LIBEL SUIT, THIS DEFAMED THE HONOR OF STATE TELEVISION AND RADIO OFFICIALS WHO HAD PREPARED THE INTERVIEW IN WHICH THE GEORGIAN DISSIDENT CONFESSED TO ANTI-SOVIET AGITATION.

IN WASHINGTON, THE STATE DEPARTMENT SAID THE CASE IS BEING FOLLOWED WITH GREAT SERIOUSNESS AND EXPRESSED HOPES THAT SOVIET AUTHORITIES WILL REFLECT VERY CAREFULLY ON THE BROADER IMPLICATIONS OF THE ISSUE. THOSE IMPLICATIONS -- ADDED A STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN -- CONCERN THE ABILITY OF AMERICAN JOURNALISTS TO FUNCTION FREELY.

THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST CONTINUED TO BE A SOURCE OF CONCERN IN WASHINGTON AND IN OTHER CAPITALS THIS WEEK. PRESIDENT CARTER SAID THE UNITED STATES WILL NOT BACK OFF ON THE SEARCH FOR PEACE IN THE AREA DESPITE THE CURRENT APPARENT DEADLOCK. HE SAID HIS EXPERIENCE IN DEALING WITH MIDEAST PEACE PROPOSALS LEADS HIM TO BE NOT SURPRISED WHEN THERE ARE TEMPORARY SETBACKS OR REJECTIONS FROM ONE SIDE OR THE OTHER.

MISTER CARTER CALLED THE RECENT ISRAELI RESPONSE TO TWO AMERICAN QUESTIONS VERY DISAPPOINTING. THE QUESTION DEALT WITH THE ISRAELI POSITION ON THE FUTURE OF THE OCCUPIED WEST BANK. THE PRESIDENT ALSO NOTED THAT OVER THE PAST WEEKEND, THE ISRAELI CABINET HAD REJECTED AN EGYPTIAN PROPOSAL WHICH HE SAID HAS NOT YET EVEN BEEN MADE. BUT HE ADDED THAT THE U.S. COMMITMENT TO PURSUING A COMPREHENSIVE AND EFFECTIVE PEACE AGREEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST IS CONSTANT AND VERY DEDICATED:  
TAPE: CUT TWO -- CARTER

"AFTER WE RECEIVE THE EGYPTIAN PROPOSAL, WHEN IT IS PUT ON FINAL FORM, WE WILL BE SURE TO RELAY IT TO THE ISRAELIS AS THE EGYPTIANS WILL REQUEST. AND THEN BOTH PROPOSALS, THE ISRAELI PROPOSAL AND THE EGYPTIAN PROPOSAL, WILL BE ON THE TABLE. AT THAT TIME IT MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE, IF THE ISRAELIS AND

EGYPTIANS AGREE, FOR A MEETING BETWEEN THEIR FOREIGN MINISTERS, PERHAPS, AND OUR OWN SECRETARY OF STATE. I WOULD HOPE THAT AT THAT POINT WE COULD MAKE REAL PROGRESS TOWARD SEARCHING OUT THE COMMON GROUND ON WHICH THEY MIGHT STAND, AND ALLEVIATE THE DIFFERENCES THAT STILL REMAIN."

NARR:

IN ISRAEL MEANWHILE, FOLLOWING GENERAL CONDEMNATION OF THE CABINET'S APPARENT REJECTION OF THE EGYPTIAN PROPOSAL, PRIME MINISTER BEGIN'S OFFICE ISSUED A STATEMENT SAYING ISRAEL HAD NOT REJECTED ANY EGYPTIAN PEACE PLANS, AND THAT NONE HAD EVER BEEN RECEIVED. THE STATEMENT EXPLAINED THAT PRESIDENT SADAT HAD CALLED FOR THE WITHDRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORY AS A PRELUDE TO NEGOTIATIONS AND THIS IS WHAT THE ISRAELI CABINET TURNED DOWN AT ITS SUNDAY MEETING.

(OPT) AND IN NEW YORK, A DELEGATION OF VISITING EGYPTIAN PARLIAMENTARIANS CALLED FOR A NEW INITIATIVE BY THE UNITED STATES TO BREAK THE STALEMATE IN THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS. ONE OF THEIR LEADERS, LEILA TAKLA, SOUNDED A NOTE OF WARNING:

TAPE: CUT THREE -- TAKLA

"WHAT YOU SHOULD REALLY BE WORRIED ABOUT IS NOT ONLY THE FACT THAT WE WILL LOSE PATIENCE AND START ASKING PRESIDENT SADAT TO STOP THE DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS FOR GOOD. I THINK YOU SHOULD BE VERY WORRIED ABOUT THE POLICY OF MODERATION. IF NOTHING CONCRETE COMES OUT OF THAT, THIS IS GOING TO BE A BLOW NOT TO SADAT, BUT TO THE POLICY OF MODERATION. AND THEN THE REAL HAWKS WILL TAKE OVER. AND LET ME TELL YOU, BEING HERE IN THE UNITED STATES, I THINK THE FAILURE WILL NOT ONLY BE A BLOW TO THE POLICY OF MODERATION, BUT IT WILL BE A BIG BLOW TO THE CREDIBILITY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA." (END OPT)

NARR:

VICE PRESIDENT WALTER MONDALE ARRIVED IN ISRAEL LATE THIS WEEK TO TAKE PART IN THE OFFICIAL CELEBRATION OF ISRAEL'S THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY. MISTER MONDALE'S VISIT -- ACCORDING TO OFFICIALS -- HAS TWO ELEMENTS. IN CONNECTION WITH THE THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OBSERVANCE, THE VICE PRESIDENT WILL REAFFIRM THE AMERICAN COMMITMENT TO ISRAEL'S SECURITY. SECONDLY,

THE VISIT PROVIDES THE OPPORTUNITY FOR MISTER MONDALE TO CONFER AT LENGTH WITH ISRAELI LEADERS ABOUT THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST. IT IS EXPECTED THAT SERIOUS DISCUSSIONS WILL TAKE PLACE AND THAT THE TALKS CAN BE HELPFUL IN THE EFFORT TO ACHIEVE PEACE.

(OPT) ELSEWHERE IN THE MIDDLE EAST THIS WEEK, SOUTH YEMEN'S PRESIDENT WAS OVERTHROWN AND LATER EXECUTED BY WHAT APPEARS TO BE A MORE PRO-SOVIET GROUP OF REBEL ARMY UNITS. THE COUP IN ADEN CAME JUST TWO DAYS AFTER THE ASSASSINATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF NEIGHBORING NORTH YEMEN. THE LEADER DIED AS A RESULT OF A BOMB EXPLOSION WHICH NORTH YEMEN BLAMED ON THE ADEN GOVERNMENT. SOUTH YEMEN DENIED THE CHARGES, BUT THE NORTH YEMENI GOVERNMENT HAD ALREADY ANNOUNCED A BREAK IN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.

THE LEADERSHIP IN SOUTH YEMEN HAS BEEN CLOSELY ALLIED WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND HAS GRANTED MOSCOW NAVAL FACILITIES AT THE PORT OF ADEN. NORTH YEMEN IS OFFICIALLY NON-ALIGNED, BUT IT MAINTAINS CLOSE TIES WITH SAUDI ARABIA WHICH OPPOSES SOVIET PENetration IN THE RED SEA AND THE HORN OF AFRICA. (END OPT)

THERE WERE REPORTS THIS WEEK OF WIDE-SCALE FIGHTING IN CAMBODIA. ACCORDING TO U.S. OFFICIALS, SIX TO EIGHT VIETNAMESE ARMY DIVISIONS ARE INVOLVED. SO FAR THEY SAY NOT ALL OF THE FORCES HAVE CROSSED THE BORDER INTO CAMBODIA, BUT THE ADVANCE UNITS HAVE REPORTEDLY REACHED AS FAR AS FIFTY KILOMETERS INTO CAMBODIA. U.S. OFFICIALS ARE NOT CERTAIN AS TO THE ULTIMATE VIETNAMESE OBJECTIVE IN CAMBODIA, BUT THEY TEND TO DISCOUNT THE POSSIBILITY OF A GOVERNMENT TAKE-OVER OR AN INVASION OF PHNOM PENH AT THIS TIME. WHAT SEEMS MORE LIKELY, THEY SAY, IS THAT VIETNAM WANTS TO DESTROY CAMBODIA'S ABILITY TO CARRY OUT THE SORT OF CROSS-BORDER RAIDS THAT HAVE BEEN TAKING PLACE RECENTLY.

CAMBODIA ITSELF HAS ACCUSED VIETNAM OF OVERT AGGRESSION, ALTHOUGH IT HAS NOT DIRECTLY COMMENTED ON THE NEW VIETNAMESE DRIVE INTO EASTERN CAMBODIA. VOA CORRESPONDENT WAYNE COREY REPORTS FROM HONG KONG:

TAPE: CUT FOUR -- COREY

"PHNOM PENH RADIO SAYS VIETNAM IS IMPLEMENTING A PLAN TO ANNEX CAMBODIA, TO INCLUDE IT IN A VIETNAMESE-DOMINATED INDOCHINESE FEDERATION AND TO ELIMINATE THE CAMBODIAN RACE. IN A COMMENTARY ON NATIONAL DEFENSE, IT SAYS VIETNAM HAS ENGAGED IN OVERT AGGRESSION AND IS CONTINUING TO CARRY OUT PROVOCATIONS, ENCROACHMENTS, STRAFING AND SHELLING ATTACKS, AND IS DESTROYING PROPERTY AND KILLING PEOPLE IN EASTERN BORDER AREAS. THE PHNOM PENH RADIO COMMENTARY SAYS THE CAMBODIAN PEOPLE ARE MAKING ALL KINDS OF SACRIFICES TO RESIST THE VIETNAMESE, AS WELL AS INTERNAL OPPONENTS DESCRIBED AS ENEMIES OF ALL STRIPES."

NARR:

LATER IN THE WEEK, VIETNAM DENIED THAT IT HAS LAUNCHED A LARGE OFFENSIVE INTO CAMBODIA, BUT HANOI DID CONFIRM THAT HEAVY FIGHTING BETWEEN VIETNAMESE AND CAMBODIAN TROOPS IS TAKING PLACE. VIETNAM ALSO INDIRECTLY ACKNOWLEDGED THAT IT HAS MILITARY FORCES INSIDE CAMBODIA.

IN A COMPLICATED DECISION IN WASHINGTON THIS WEEK, THE U.S. SUPREME COURT RULED THAT IT IS ILLEGAL FOR MEDICAL SCHOOLS TO SET ASIDE A NUMBER OF PLACES FOR ADMISSION TO THEIR ENTERING CLASS SOLELY ON A RACIAL BASIS. BUT AT THE SAME TIME THE COURT UPHELD THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS THAT GIVE PREFERENCE TO SOME APPLICANTS BECAUSE THEY ARE MEMBERS OF A MINORITY GROUP.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL GRIFFIN BELL SAID BOTH HE AND PRESIDENT CARTER WERE PLEASED WITH THE DECISION. HE ADDED THAT THE COURT RULING CONFIRMS THE EXISTING ADMINISTRATION POLICY ON SPECIAL TREATMENT FOR MINORITY GROUPS WITHOUT STRICT RACIAL QUOTAS. THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL ALSO HAD HIGH PRAISE FOR SUPREME COURT JUSTICE LEWIS POWELL WHO WROTE THE MAIN DECISION IN THE CASE.

HE COMMENDED JUSTICE POWELL FOR INCLUDING IN HIS OPINION THE GRADUATE SCHOOL ADMISSION POLICY FROM HARVARD UNIVERSITY WHICH, ACCORDING TO MISTER BELL, CAN SERVE AS A MODEL FOR OTHER SCHOOLS.

TAPE: CUT FIVE -- BELL

"HE HAS TOLD EVERYONE WHAT THE LAW IS. AND HE SAID HERE IS A PLAN THAT IS LEGAL. SO I THINK THAT IT'S SETTLED. I THINK EVERYONE OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO TAKE JUSTICE POWELL'S OPINION, AND THE HARVARD ADMISSIONS PLAN, AND THIS OUGHT TO PUT THE ADMISSIONS PROBLEMS TO REST -- THAT BEING THAT YOU CAN TAKE RACE OR ETHNIC BACKGROUND INTO CONSIDERATION AS A FACTOR. YOU CAN GIVE A PLUS FOR IT. BUT YOU MUST PUT EVERYONE INTO THE SAME POOL FOR CONSIDERATION."

NARR:

(OPT) VERNON JORDAN, A BLACK LEADER WHO IS PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE, SAID HE WAS DISAPPOINTED WITH THE SUPREME COURT'S DECISION. BUT HE ADDED THAT THERE IS WIDE AGREEMENT AMONG BLACK LEADERS ACROSS THE COUNTRY THAT THE SUPREME COURT HAS UPHELD RACIAL CONSIDERATIONS AS A VALID FACTOR IN UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS:

TAPE: CUT SIX -- JORDAN

"THERE WAS A CONSENSUS IN THE BLACK LEADERSHIP THAT TO THE EXTENT THAT THERE IS GOOD IN THIS DECISION, THAT GOOD STEMS FROM THE RULING BY A MAJORITY OF THE COURT THAT RACE-CONSCIOUS REMEDIES ARE STILL AVAILABLE, STILL LEGITIMATE AND STILL TO BE USED IN THE RESOLUTION OF AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PROGRAMS. WE BELIEVE THAT TO BE A VERY IMPORTANT DICTUM IN THE DECISION."

ANNCR:

AND THOSE ARE SOME OF THE STORIES THAT MADE HEADLINES THIS WEEK. YOUR NARRATOR WAS----- . JOIN US AGAIN NEXT-----WHEN THE VOICE OF AMERICA TAKES A LOOK AT THE NEXT SEVEN DAYS OF THE WEEK.

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